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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: HELPING SADAT

REF: STATE 213672

1. I MET WITH FAHMY FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF TODAY TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS. I TOLD HIM WE WISH TO DO EVERYTHING FEASIBLE TO HELP SADAT IN HIS PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND WENT THROUGH THE REFERENCED MESSAGE IN GREAT DETAIL (EXCEPT FOR PARA 8 ABOUT AID FIGURE). FAHMY ASKED ONE OF HIS AIDES TO TAKE NOTES SO THAT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE INFORMED.

2. FAHMY WAS IN SAME CARPING MOOD HE HAS BEEN IN THESE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. HE AGAIN BLAMED US FOR GETTING SADAT INTO HIS PRESENT PREDICAMENT. WE HAD NOT LISTENED TO HIS ADVICE AND WERE NOW WITNESSING THE CONSEQUENCES. MOREOVER, WHILE THE SOVIETS ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING THE AGREEMENT EVERYWHERE, WE WERE "SLEEPING." ADDITIONALLY, YOU HAD PUBLICLY STATED THERE ARE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CONNECTED WITH THE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO WHAT SADAT AND HE HAD BEEN SAYING. HE IS GIVING ANOTHER INTERVIEW, THIS TIME TO KUWAITI NEWSPAPER QABAS, AND WILL THEREIN CHALLENGE ANYONE TO PRODUCE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS.

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3. I TOLD FAHMY THAT I COULD NOT ACCEPT HIS CHARGE THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION. THE DECISION TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SADAT'S AND WE WORKED IN GOOD FAITH WITH OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS TO GET THE WITHDRAWAL THE PRESIDENT HAD LONG SOUGHT. SO FAR AS OUR "SLEEPING" IS CONCERNED, HE WAS TOTALLY WRONG. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING AS VIGOROUSLY AS OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS TO EXPLAIN AND DEFEND IT AND ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. YOUR REFERENCE TO CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH PERTINENT CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSIONS AND HAD IN NO WAY BEEN INTENDED TO EMBARRASS SADAT AND FAHMY. HE SHOULD REALIZE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US THAT OUR CONGRESS NOT BELIEVE THAT COMMITMENTS ARE BEING CONCEALED FROM IT. I HAD ALREADY OUTLINED TO HIM WHAT WE ARE DOING AND CONTEMPLATED. WHAT WE NOW NEEDED FROM HIM IS SOME THEMES WHICH WE CAN USE IN PERTINENT INSTRUCTIONS. OUR AMBASSADORS, IN OUR VIEW, SHOULD FOLLOW THEIR EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUES IN APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENTS.

4. FAHMY THEN BECAME A LITTLE MORE SENSIBLE. HE SAID EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND EXPLAIN THE AGREEMENT AND WHAT IT SIGNIFIES. HE WELCOMED OUR WILLINGNESS TO DO SO AS WELL, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT WE ARE IN BEST POSITION TO JUDGE WHAT OUR RELATIONS ARE WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA AND TO SHAPE OUR INSTRUCTIONS ACCORDINGLY.

5. A PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM KING KHALID ENDORSING THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, IF WE CAN GET IT. (I NOTE YOUR LETTER TO KING KHALID AND PRINCE FAHD, CITED STATED 21364, MAKES NO REFERENCE TO A PUBLIC STATEMENT. PERHAPS THIS WAS AN INADVERTENT OMISSION.) A STATEMENT FROM BOURGUIBA WOULD BE EQUALLY SO. SINCE BOURGUIBA'S NOSE IS OUT OF JOINT BECAUSE SADAT SENT NO SPECIAL EMISSARY TO HIM, FAHMY HAS TODAY SENT MOHAMED RIAD TO TUNIS TO EXPLAIN THE AGREEMENT. ANOTHER PUBLIC STATEMENT BY KING HUSSAN OF MOROCCO WOULD BE HELPFUL. HE WONDERED ABOUT OUR RELATIONS WITH THE IRAQIS AND  
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WHETHER THEY MIGHT BE INDUCED TO SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE. I TOLD HIM THIS WAS DOUBTFUL. SIMILARLY, THE SHAH OF IRAN, EVEN THOUGH ASHRAF MARWAN HAD BEEN TO SEE HIM, HAS REMAINED SILENT. A PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM HIM WOULD HELP. ASIAN, LATIN AMERICAN, AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED NATIONS' SUPPORT WOULD BE USEFUL AND ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO STIMULATE THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WHAT IS NEEDED, FAHMY CONTENTED, IS A WORLDWIDE

CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY US, BOTH FORMALLY  
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND THROUGH GRAY PROPAGANDA  
IN THE WORLD PRESS (INCLUDING IN BEIRUT), IN SUPPORT OF  
THE AGREEMENT AND TO ISOLATE THE SOVIETS AND SYRIANS.

6. SO FAR AS SPECIFIC THEMES ARE CONCERNED, FAHMY  
SUGGESTED WE COULD POINT OUT THAT THE AGREEMENT IS A  
STEP FORWARD TO A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH UNSC RESOLUTIONS; THE USG IS THE ONLY COUNTRY  
CAPABLE OF BRINGING IT ABOUT; SADAT SHOWED GREAT STATES-  
MANSHIP IN ACCEPTING THE AGREEMENT; EGYPT HAS NOT RPT NOT  
DEFECTED FROM THE ARAB LINE BY DOING SO; AND EGYPT IS THE  
CORE COUNTRY IF THERE IS TO BE ANY PROGRESS TOWARD AN  
OVERALL SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. FAHMY  
WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT WE NOT LAY IT ON SO THICK  
THAT SADAT IS PROJECTED AS AN AMERICAN STOOGE.

7. FAHMY REFERRED TO YOUR STATEMENTS THAT ANY FINAL  
SETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE ALL PARTIES, AND THAT YOU HAD  
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE PALESTINIANS. HE  
THOUGHT THIS WAS VERY USEFUL AND URGED IT BE BROADCAST  
AND DISSEMINATED BY VOA AND PUBLIC MEDIA ORGANS AS WIDELY  
AS POSSIBLE.

8. FAHMY AGREED THAT THE POSITIVE FRENCH PUBLIC  
STANCE MIGHT BE TRANSLATED INTO A FRENCH EFFORT IN  
DAMASCUS AND FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES IN AFRICA. HE  
CONTENDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE USG SHOULD TAKE THE  
LEAD. IN HIS VIEW, THE FRENCH WOULD BE MORE LIKELY  
TO FOLLOW SUCH AN AMERICAN LEAD. I THINK, NEVERTHELESS,  
WE HAVE GIVEN HIM AN IDEA.

9. OUR DISCUSSION ON THE SOVIETS IS BEING SENT BY  
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